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## LOK SABHA

The following Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha on 18-4-2000.

BILL No. 50 OF 2000

*A Bill to repeal the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be called the Cotton Cloth (Repeal) Act, 2000. Short title.

**2.** The Cotton Cloth Act, 1918 is hereby repealed. Repeal of Act 23 of 1918.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Cotton Cloth Act, 1918 (23 of 1918), enacted on 26th September, 1918, provided for encouraging or maintaining the supply of 'standard' cotton cloth at reasonable rates manufactured in the country to the poorer classes of people and the State Governments exercise of all powers and discharge all responsibilities as envisaged under the Act. The State Governments are empowered, under the Act, to grant licence for sale of standard cloth and to fix price of standard cloth.

2. Cotton and textiles are essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The Central Government, in exercise for the power conferred by section 3 of the said Essential Commodities Act has issued the Textiles (Development and Regulation) Order, 1993 which is comprehensive and covers all the provisions of the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918. While the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918 deals with only one particular category i.e. cotton cloth, the Textiles (Development and Regulation) Order deals with cloth including cotton cloth, yarn and other textile products. In the present scenario there is no need for the continued existence of the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918 as it has become superfluous and in fructuous. It is, therefore, proposed to repeal the Cotton Cloth Act, 1918.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.

NEW DELHI;
*The* 14*th March*, 2000.

KASHIRAM RANA.

BILL NO. 51 OF 2000

*A Bill to repeal the Cotton Textiles Cess Act,* 1948.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be called the Cotton Textiles Cess (Repeal) Act, 2000. Short title.

**2.** The Cotton Textiles Cess Act, 1948 is hereby repealed. Repeal of Act 7 of 1948.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Cotton Textiles Cess Act, 1948 (7 of 1948) was enacted on 1st March, 1948, to impose a cess on the manufacture of certain cotton textiles. The Act provides for imposition of penalty in case of non-payment of cess, recovery of cess and penalty as arrears of land revenue, inspection of books or documents belonging to a producer or dealer, entry and search of any premises and seizure of cloth or yarn. The Act was never activated.

2. Presently most of the developmental activities concerning the textile industry and trade are monitored by the Ministry of Textiles with coordination and assistance of related Councils and Statutory Bodies. The Textile Committee constituted under the Textile Committee Act, 1963 is collecting cess at the rate of 0.05 per cent. *ad valorem* under the provisions of the Act. Under the existing industrial and trade scenario, the textile industry is not in a position to absorb levy of any further cess. Moreover, since the Act was never activated, it is redundant and its repeal will have no financial implications. The Commission headed by Shri P. C. Jain, on Review of Administrative Laws has also recommended repeal of the Act.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.

NEW DELHI;
*The 13th March*, 2000.

KASHIRAM RANA.

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G. C. MALHOTRA,
*Secretary-General.*

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